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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRA,NER PRO-
GRAM

1. THIS CABLE CONFIRMS INFORMAL INVITATIONS OFFERED TO
NATIONAL POLICE OFFICER CAMPO BY U.S. CUSTOMS REPRESENTA-
TIVES ALLSHOUSE AND CHOWNING DURING THEIR SEPTEMBER EVA-
LUATION OF COLOMBIA'S DOG FACILITIES.

2. CUSTOMS HAS SCHEDULED ITS EIGHTH DETECTOR DOG TRAINER
PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 25, 1977. THE
PROGRAM, INTERPRETED INTO SPANISH, WILL CONSIST OF THREE
DAYS OF CULTURAL ORIENTATION AT THE WASHINGTON, D.C. INTER-
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NATIONAL CENTER, TWO WEEKS OF ACADEMIC WORK AT CUSTOMS'

FRONT ROYAL, VA. NARCOTICS DOG TRAINING CENTER, AND FOUR DAYS DEDICATED TO OBSERVATION OF NARCOTICS DOGS AT WORK IN THE FIELD. THE LATTER WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS AT AIRPORTS, MAIL FACILITIES, AND BORDER CROSSINGS.

3. AS DISCUSSED WITH CAPT. CAMPO AND EMBASSY STAFF, THIS TRAINING IS DIRECTED AT, AND RECOMMENDED FOR, OFFICERS WHO ARE EITHER INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING OF DOGS AND DOG HANDLERS OR ARE FIRST-LINE SUPERVISORS OF OPERATIONAL MAN/DOG TEAMS.

4. CUSTOMS IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE NATIONAL POLICE ARE WILLING TO NOMINATE THEIR HEAD DOG TRAINER AND THE OFFICER WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE NARCOTICS DOG TEAMS TO THE PROGRAM. ONE ADDITIONAL SLOT IS AVAILABLE FOR A QUALIFIED OFFICER.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP ON AVAILABILITY OF CANDIDATES, ROUTING RESPONSES TO RUEACUS/US CUSTOMS, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION. KISSINGER

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